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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CHILE RESOLUTIONS

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1. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AGAINST US COSPONSORSHIP
OF THE PRINCIPAL CHILE RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION A -- REFTEL
A) AS IT PRESENTLY STANDS ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

-- A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF USG AT THE CURRENT HRC MEET-
ING IS TO REMOVE TAIN OF DOUBLE STANDARD FROM ACTIVITIES
OF THAT BODY (REFTEL C). THE PRINCIPAL LEVERAGE THAT
THE US HAS FOR PRESSING FOR BROADER AND NONDISCRIMINATORY
ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IS THE WITHHOLDING
OF ITS SPONSORSHIP FROM THE CHILE RESOLUTION. WE
BELIEVE THAT US HUMAN RIGHTS CREDIBILITY AND OUR EF-
FECTIVENESS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA WILL GAIN AS A RESULT.

-- THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED DOES NOT MEET AT LEAST
THREE OF THE FIVE POINTS SET FORTH IN DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE (REFTEL B). SPECIFICALLY THERE IS NO REFERENCE
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TO IMPROVED PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS OR FOR A MORE PRE-
CISE MANDATE FOR THE WORKING GROUP, NOR IS THERE
REFERENCE TO THE ROLES OF THE OAS AND IAHR.

-- THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED (IE WITHOUT THE IMPROVE-
MENTS SOUGHT BY USDEL) RISKS FURTHER STRENGTHENING
PINOCHET BY ENABLING HIM TO CONTINUE TO POINT TO DIS-

CRIMINATORY AND UNAPPEASABLE INTERNATIONAL OPPOSITION.
PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH ON PLEBISITE (PARA 7 OF REFTL
A) IS PARTICULARLY LIKELY TO AUGMENT NATIONALISTIC
SUPPORT BEHIND PINOCHET.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES USG SHOULD NOT SUPPORT RESOLUTION
B ON SPECIAL TRUST FUND. IT CARRIES INTERNATIONAL
INTERVENTION A STEP FURTHER AND IN ABSENCE OF RESOLUTIONS
ESTABLISHING SIMILAR FUNDS FOR EXILES FROM OTHER
COUNTRIES EXACERBATES THE DOUBLE STANDARD PROBLEM
(REFTEL D).
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